



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Department of Planning and Environment (Sydney Offices)
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Your reference: SSD-27014706
Our reference: DA20210922004095-Pre-EIS
Consultation-1

ATTENTION: Nestor Tsambos

Date: Friday 25 November 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

Development Application

State Significant – Pre-EIS Consultation – Electricity Generating Works

Wellington South Battery Energy Storage System - (SSD-27014706), 32//DP622471, 1//DP1226751

I refer to your correspondence regarding the above proposal which was received by the NSW Rural Fire Service on 16/11/2022.

The New South Wales Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has reviewed the proposal with regard to Section 4.4 of the directions issued in accordance with Section 9.1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The objectives of the direction are:

- to protect life, property and the environment from bush fire hazards, and
- to encourage sound management of bush fire prone areas.

The direction provides that a planning proposal must:

- have regard to *Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019*,
 - introduce controls that avoid placing inappropriate developments in hazardous areas, and
 - ensure that bushfire hazard reduction is not prohibited within the APZ.
- With regard to these requirements, the following comments are made in relation to the submitted concept plan:

After reviewing the the risks and hazards highlighted in Appendix N of Pre-EIS SSD 27014708 dated September 2022, the NSW RFS advises that a comprehensive bush fire consultant's report should be sourced addressing the risks and hazards highlighted in this proposal, specifically addressing Chapter 8 and *Bush Fire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan* in accordance with *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*.

For any queries regarding this correspondence, please contact Elaine Chandler on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

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